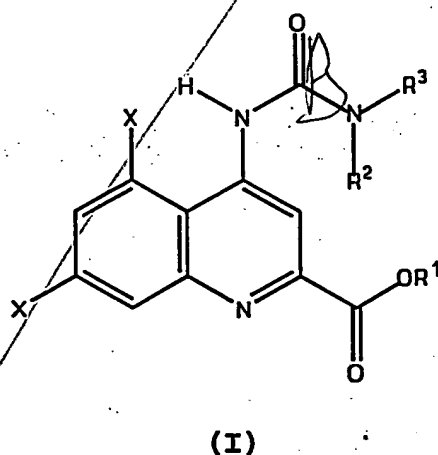
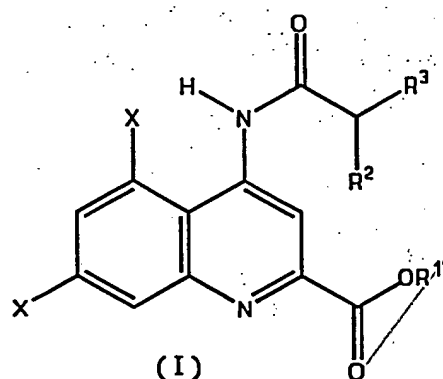


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a tautomer thereof, a pharmacologically acceptable ester, amide, salt, ether, or an acid addition salt thereof;

wherein R¹ represents hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

R² and R³ each independently represent phenyl which may be unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with substituents selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, alkyl, and cycloalkyl groups containing up to 6 carbon atoms, hydrogen, hydrocarbon selected from the group consisting of straight chain, branched, cyclic, and heterocyclic groups containing up to 18 carbon atoms, halogen, cyano,

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trifluoromethyl, nitro, $-OR^a$, $-SR^a$, $-NR^aR^b$, $[NR^aCOR^b]$ $-NR^aCOR^b$, $-NR^aCO_2R^b$, $-NR^aSO_2R^b$, $-NR^iCZNR^aR^b$, $-CO_2$, or $-CONR^aR^b$;

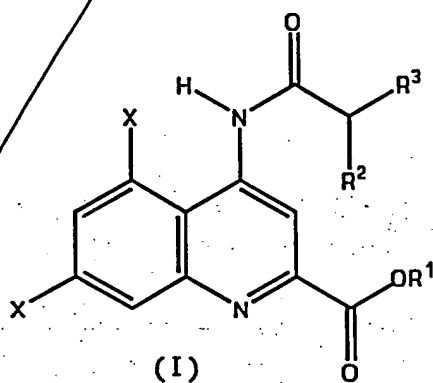
wherein R^a , R^b , R^i each independently represent hydrogen or hydrocarbon as described above and can be the same or different and Z represents oxygen, sulphur, or a group of formula $=N,E$; wherein E represents hydrocarbon as described above or an electron-withdrawing group; or

R^2 and R^3 together with the intervening nitrogen and carbon atom represent carbonyl ($C=O$), thiocarbonyl ($C=S$), imino ($C=N,R^a$), oximino ($C=N,OR^a$), or a 3- to 8-membered ring containing from zero to 4 hetero-atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur and phosphorus; wherein R^a represents hydrogen or hydrocarbon as described above;

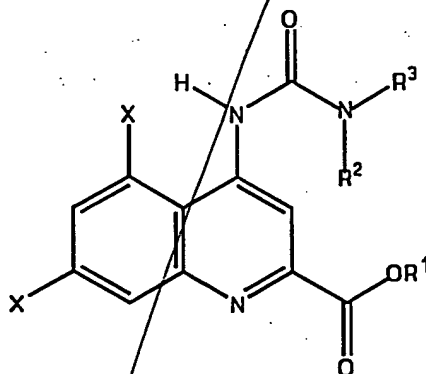
wherein each of the R^2 and R^3 substituents can be the same or different; and X represents halogen and each of the 5, 7, substituents can be the same or different.

Rewrite Claim 12 as follows:

12. (Once-amended) A compound suitable for treating withdrawal syndromes manifested in a patient suffering withdrawal symptoms and/or withdrawal-induced brain damage which comprises administering an effective ameliorating amount of a compound having the general formula (I):



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(I)

a tautomer thereof, a pharmacologically acceptable ester, amide, salt, ether, or an acid addition salt thereof;

wherein R¹ represents hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

R² and R³ each independently represent phenyl which may be unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with substituents selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, alkyl, and cycloalkyl groups containing up to 6 carbon atoms, hydrogen, hydrocarbon selected from the group consisting of straight chain, branched, cyclic, and heterocyclic groups containing up to 18 carbon atoms, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, -OR^a, -SR^a, -NR^aR^b, [NR^aCOR^b] -NR^aCOR^b, -NR^aCO₂R^b, -NR^aSO₂R^b, -NR^aCZNR^aR^b, -CO₂, or -CONR^aR^b;

wherein R^a, R^b, Rⁱ each independently represent hydrogen or hydrocarbon as described above and can be the same or different and Z represents oxygen, sulphur, or a group of formula =N,E; wherein E represents hydrocarbon as described above or an electron-withdrawing group; or

R² and R³ together with the intervening nitrogen and carbon atom represent carbonyl (C=O), thiocarbonyl (C=S), imino (C=N,R^a), oximino (C=N,OR^a), or a 3- to 8-membered ring containing from zero to 4 hetero-atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur and phosphorus; wherein R^a represents hydrogen or hydrocarbon as described above;

wherein each of the R² and R³ substituents can be the same or different; and